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DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Known variously as the Dr. James W. Henry house, or the Dr. Isaac H. Houston house, or more recently as the Reinhart house, this two-story, three-bay, side hall/double pile frame dwellings stands at 117 Water Street in the town of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. The house is supported by a raised common bond brick foundation and the exterior is sheathed with aluminum siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with fiberglass shingles. Built around 1851, the main block is extended to the rear by an off-set single-story gable roofed service wing. While the wing has been remodeled extensively with little interior or exterior architectural fabric evident, its odd positioning to the main block may indicate that it predates the main block. The unusual relationship of the service wing to the main block, standing off axis with the main block, suggests the possibility that it was repositioned on the lot when the side hall/double-pile dwelling was erected at mid century.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Dr. James W. Henry house, also known as the Dr. Isaac H. Houston house, or the Reinhart house, stands at 117 Water Street in the town of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. Built around 1851, the two-story, three-bay, side hall/double-pile main block is supported on common bond brick foundation and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The medium pitched gable roof, finished with boxed cornices front and back and flush gable ends, is covered with fiberglass shingles.

The southeast (main) elevation is a three-bay façade with a side entrance and flanking window fitted with six-over-four sash windows. The smaller pane upper sash contrast with the large pane lower sash. A mid nineteenth century front door is topped by a rectangular two-pane transom. Defining the second floor are three six-over-six sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The southwest gable end elevation is dominated by a pair of exterior, common bond brick stacks distinguished with corbelled shoulders at the second floor level. On the outer side of each stack are multi-pane windows lighting each floor, and a smaller sash window pierces the gable end to light the attic. The end wall of the house is finished flush with a plain bargeboard enclosing the eave.

The northeast gable end is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration with similar windows lighting the first and second floors. There is an exterior brick stove flue that rises against the gable end.

The northwest (rear) wall is partially covered by the single story service wing, which is extended on its southwest side by a shed roofed extension. Fixed in the northwest corner of the main block is an exterior cellar entrance that provides access to an fully excavated cellar.

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The interior of the main block features woodwork common to the late second quarter of the nineteenth century with a distinct Greek Revival influence. The staircase is particularly well designed with a turned baluster railing and decorated stringer.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The two-story frame dwelling, store house, wharf and other improvements remained in the hands of James and Anna Henry until after the close of the Civil War when the couple sold the property to Solomon S. LeCompte in September 1865 for \$2,500.³ The house and Water Street lot remaining in Solomon LeCompte ownership only eight years when, after his death, the property was sold in the wake of a Circuit Court case. In July 1873, after five years of court proceedings, the property was transferred by the estate trustee, Clement Sulivane, to Dr. Isaac H. Houston.⁴ Dr. Houston is designated

¹ Dorchester County Land Records, WJ 6/50, 29 March 1851, and FJH 67/219, 7 September 1865, Dorchester County Courthouse. James Winfield Henry married Anna Maria Campbell in March 1841.

² Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 2/522, 22 June 1853, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 67/219, 7 September 1865, Dorchester County Courthouse.
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⁶ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 21/251, 21 April 1897, Dorchester County Courthouse.

⁵ John L. Graham, ed. The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, p. 71.

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Map 500, Parcel 170

PLC 196/777

J. Russell Jones and Marie F. Jones

to

8.10.1976

Harry I. Reinhart, Jr. and Dorothy S. Reinhart

Lot 92' x 285'

170/547

Jack Morris Robbins and Leila H. Robbins

to

8.19.1971

J. Russell Jones and Marie F. Jones

(unto Jack Morris Robbins and Leila H. Robbins by Mary Belle Kupersmith and Vincent J. Kupersmith, 7.13.1960, PLC 119/588)

RSM 9/1205

Edna M. Wheatley, widow

to

11.12.1954

Mary Belle Kupersmith and Vincent J. Kupersmith

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RSM 60/494

Calvin Harrington and wife

to

10.28.1946

S. Chauncey Bennett, Mary Belle Bennett (S. Chauncey

Bennett died on or about 3.14.1948)

RSM 60/490

Brice L. Bennett and Catherine M. Bennett

to

10.28.1946

Calvin Harrington, Jr.

JFD 14/78

Alan P. S. Webb and W. C. Webb, Trustees

to

1.1.1924

Samuel J. Bennett

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Mary E. Houston & others

to

4.21.1897

John W. T. Webb

Lot No. 1

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1877

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas Dr. I. H. Houston designated on property

FJH 9/86

Clement Sulivane, Trustee

to

7.14.1873

Isaac H. Houston

Decree of Circuit Court, No. 631, passed on the 11th of August 1868, in the case of Stephen B. LeCompte vs. Margaret E. LeCompte, and Sylvester S. Ennalls, Administrator of Solomon S. LeCompte, deceased, and others...I the said Clement Sulivane, Trustee, do grant unto the said Isaac H. Houston...the Dwelling House and yard and garden appurtenant thereto situate on the West side of Water Street in the town of Vienna...being the same Property which was formerly conveyed to Solomon S. LeCompte by James W. Henry & wife...

FJH 67/219

James W. Henry and Anna M. Henry

to

9.7.1865

Solomon S. LeCompte

\$2,500....All that lot or parcel of land with a dwelling house, store house, and tailor's shop thereon, situated in the town of Vienna, and also all that wharf and lot on the opposite side of the street from the lot aforesaid, with the buildings thereon

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FJH 2/522

David M. Henry, Trustee

to

6.22.1853

James W. Henry

\$1181.00 ... Whereas by a Decree of Circuit Court of Maryland, 20th day of October 1850, such passed in said court, between Levin H. Campbell, Complainant and Douglas Dashiell, defendant, the above named Daniel M. Henry was appointed Trustee with authority to sell the real estate in the proceedings....All that Lot or Parcel of Land with a Store House and Tailor's Shop thereon situate in the Town of Vienna...and adjoining the Lot upon which the Dwelling of the said James W. Henry stands upon the one side and the lot belonging to the heirs of Henry Willcox (sic) upon the other, and extending back to the lot of Dr. William Jackson, and also all that wharf and lots in front of the above desirable lots and on the opposite side of the Street...

WJ 6/50-51

Levin H. Campbell, Talbot County

to

3.29.1851

James W. Henry

\$850....All that lot and store house and wharf situated and lying in the town of Vienna in Dorchester County aforesaid that which was formerly the property of the late John Seward and afterwards purchased by John Vincent of Henry Page, trustee, and all that Lot with a tailor's shop situate therein

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WJ 2/624-626

John Vincent and wife Elizabeth Vincent of Dorchester County

to

12.17.1845

Levin H. Campbell of Dorchester County

\$1850 "...All that Lot and Store house and Wharf situated, lying and being in the Town of Vienna, in the County aforesaid, formerly the property of the late John Seward, purchased by the said John Vincent of Henry Page, Trustee, Also all that Lot & Store house & Taylor's Shop therein, & wharf situated lying and being in the said Town of Vienna, formerly the property of Thomas Byrn, deceased, and purchased by the said John Vincent of Henry Page, Trustee....

March 1841

James Winfield Henry married Anna Maria Campbell, youngest daughter of Levin H. Campbell, Esquire.

Note: James Winfield Henry was one of four sons and eight children of John Campbell Henry and Mary Nevett Steele. The couple resided at "Hambrooks" outside Cambridge. John Campbell Henry died April 1, 1857, and his wife lived on until November 20, 1873. James Winfield Henry, the eldest son, studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Acreage of historical setting Quadrangle name

26,220 square feet 26,220 +Mardela Springs, Md

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	12.3.2008
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2. NAME Dr. I.H. Houston House (1877)

DATE OR PERIOD early 19th cent STYLE Federal

ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

no

Built on a high basement, the dwelling is like several on Water Street in Vienna. It has a three-bay, two-story facade with door to one side in the plan of a townhouse. On the opposite gable are double exterior chimneys, the rear chimney having its stach removed from the second story up. Typical of the 1830 period is the use of corner blocks in the trim around the entrance door. Its 6/6 sash windows have no shutters and the house is sheathed with white asbestos siding. To the rear and off-set from the front part of the house is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story kitchen wing which may pre-date the section above.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

no Interior

Exterior

fair



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

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